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PATENT APPLICATION

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Takashi SUZUKI, ET AL.)	
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Application No.: 09/768,331)	
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Filed: January 25, 2001)	
	:	December 12, 2005
For: IMAGE PROCESSING SYSTEM)	

Commissioner for Patents
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FIFTH INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed document is enclosed.

The cited document was recently cited in a Japanese Office Action, which is dated September 12, 2005, issued on a foreign counterpart application. A copy of that communication is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience. Please note that JP 07-

143335, which is also cited in the Japanese Office Action, was previously submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed January 6, 2003.

STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)

Each item of information in this information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date of this Statement.

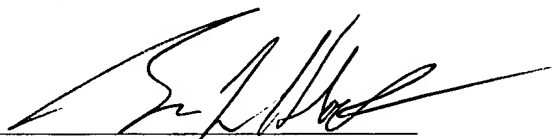
REMARKS

Japanese Patent Application Laid-open No. 07-283936 discloses a method for detecting a specific image, in which an input image is divided into multiple blocks to perform a character extraction process in unit of block. However, Japanese Patent Application Laid-open No. 07-283936 fails to disclose a characteristic element of the claimed invention, that is, "dividing means for dividing the image into a plurality of blocks based upon a size of a characteristic portion of a copy-prohibited image for testing by said determination means such that each block is an integral number of tiles."

It is respectfully requested that the cited information be considered by the Examiner, that the next official communication indicate that such information has been considered, and that the Examiner initial the enclosed Form PTO-1449 indicating that the information listed thereon has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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